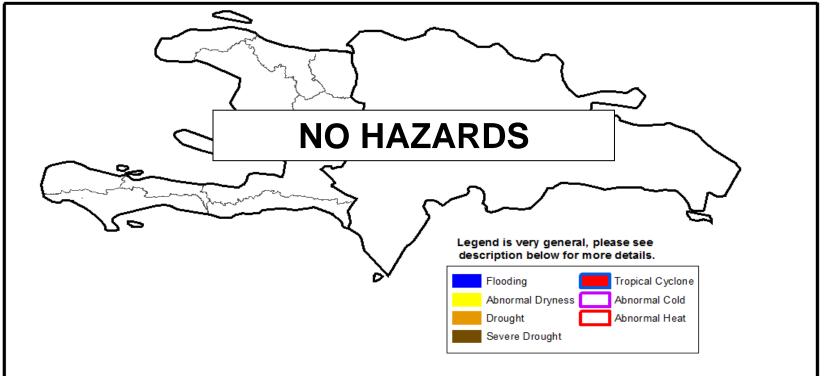


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook January 30 – February 05, 2014

Moderate rain showers occurred across parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.



During the past week, light to moderate rain showers (5-25mm) were observed across parts of Haiti, including the Grand Anse and Sud-Est departments, and the Dominican Republic. The heaviest rains (20-30mm) were recorded in the Puerto Plata region of northern Dominican Republic. The average to above-average weekly rains have provided needed moisture to drier areas in northern Hispaniola. Ground conditions and surface water levels remain poor, though, across much of Haiti and northwestern/southwestern Dominican Republic due to an early end to the rainy season in November and December. However, shower activity during the past thirty days has been near average in Hispaniola. Additional rains are needed to further reduce long term rainfall deficits and improve ground conditions for winter cropping in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. According to vegetative indices, the worst ground conditions remain in the Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata and Barahona departments of northwestern and southwestern Dominican Republic and the Nord-Est, Nord and Nord-Ouest department of Haiti. For the next seven days, light rain (<10mm) is forecast for Hispaniola. The heaviest showers (5-20mm) are expected across localized areas in northwestern/southwestern Haiti and eastern Dominican Republic.